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The Old Seth Hiller Homestead next to the Quaker Church on Route 6, Mattapoisett. The cow in the photo was such a pet of the Hiller daughter that it died heartbroken when she left her parents' home to be married. The house still stands, though it has been altered. Photo loaned to us by Mrs. Maud Austin.

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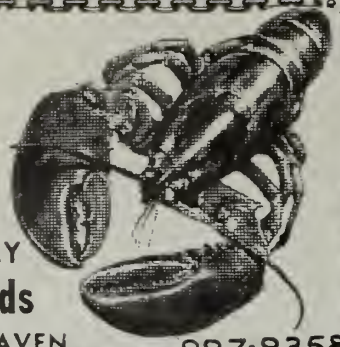

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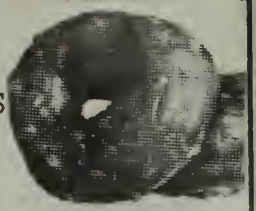

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Former Mattapoisett Treasurer, William H. Winslow has been recognized as the outstanding Municipal Employee of Mattapoisett for the year of 1965, by the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns. A formal presentation will be held in the near future at which time Mr. Winslow will receive the award. He is now retired and lives on Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. Mr. Winslow's long and dedicated service to the town certainly is well known to all citizens. His favorite civic project was the resurfacing of all the streets in the village and he proposed most of these projects which resulted in the handsome appearance of the town today. Certainly no man is more deserving of being honored as an outstanding public servant and good citizen.

TOWN OFFICE ELIMINATED

The State has informed Mattapoisett Town officials that the position of Sealer of Weights & Measures has been abolished for towns of 5000 population and less. All such work will be done by the State Division of Standards in the future.

S. ARMBRUSTER RESIGNS

Mr. Scott Armbruster has submitted his resignation as a member of the Mattapoisett Conser-

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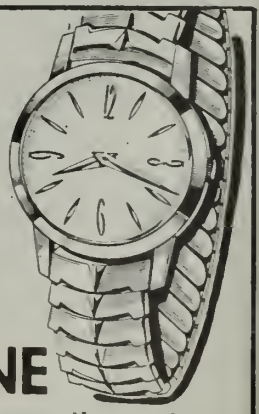

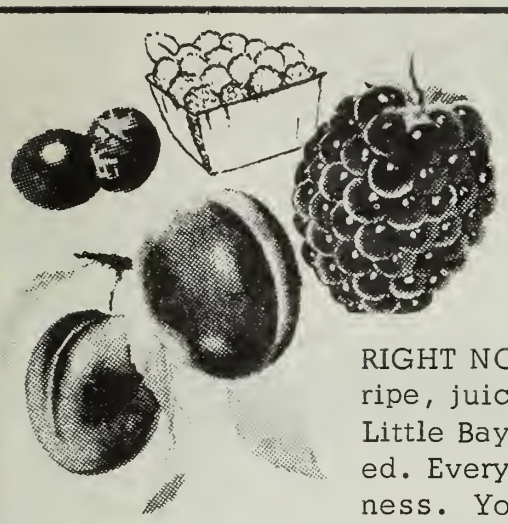

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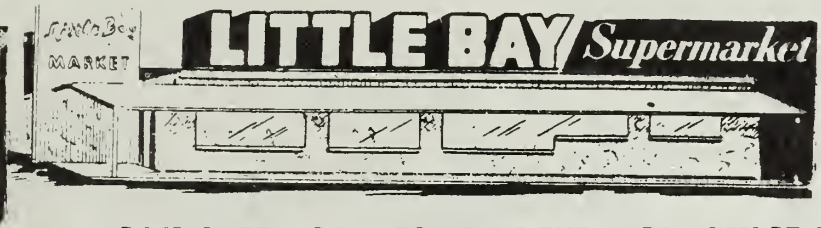

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North American Business Forms, Inc. has acquired the former Hagen Toy Factory on Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. Mr. Roger Morris, president and treasurer of the firm, negotiated the purchase with Mr. Frank Sylvia, Mattapoisett Real Estate agent, this past week.

Mr. Morris has been operating the business from an office at Point Connett for the past few years. The company manufactures and sells business forms of the multiple part, IBM, and computer variety. The newly acquired building will be utilized as an office and warehouse and will provide room for future expansion. A colonial style facade is scheduled to make the building attractive and the offices are planned to be the most attractive in the area with wall to wall carpeting and other distinguishing features.

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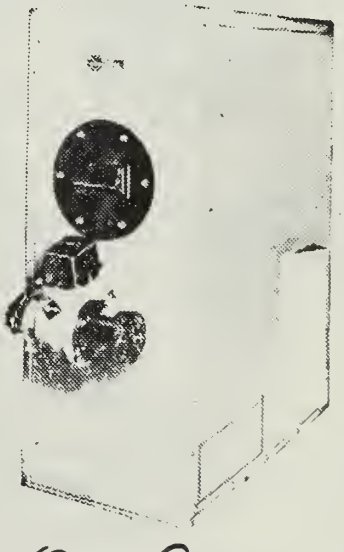

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GRANGE FAIR

Plans are beginning to shape up in regards to the annual Mattapoisett Grange Fair with the date set for Saturday, August 28th, and will open at 1 P.M. at the Grange Hall.

General chairman is Leonard Randall, assisted by Otto Kellish, co-chairman; Mrs. Marilyn Randall, secretary; and Lemuel LeBaron, treasurer. As usual, the Fair is held in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture.

The various booths will feature foods, white elephants, grabs and many lovely articles made by the ladies of the sewing group will be for sale on their table. A grocery basket and a hand made quilt will be awarded.

There will be exhibits of vegetables, flowers, fruit, canned goods and sewing. State awards

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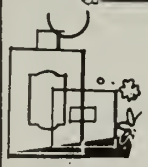
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will be given by the best judged. It is not necessary to be a member of the Grange to enter an exhibit. The premium list is duplicated for Juniors under 14 years of age. There will also be special awards.

A public supper will be served at 6 P.M. in the dining hall. More details of the Fair will be coming along in your Presto.

GRANGE MEETING

Members of Mattapoisett Grange had a get together last Thursday for a covered dish supper that was greatly enjoyed. Additional plans for programs for 1966 were discussed. Walter Caswell and Mrs. Irene Tripp entertained with piano selections.

SIDEWALK EXHIBIT AND SALE

Many different forms of art and craft will highlight Marion Art Center's August 19th Sidewalk Exhibit and Sale. Shown in addition to paintings and drawings will be mobiles, silk screen prints, jewelry, weaving, glass, ceramics, wood carving and wood inlay, stone and pottery - and still

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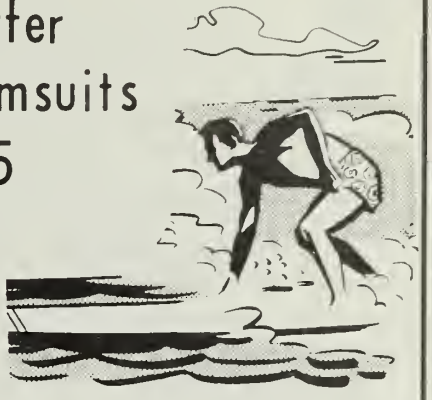

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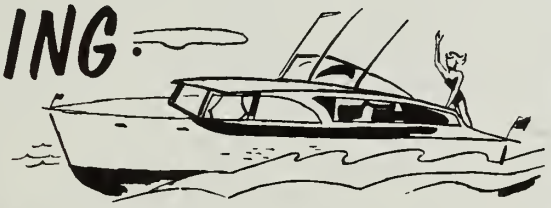

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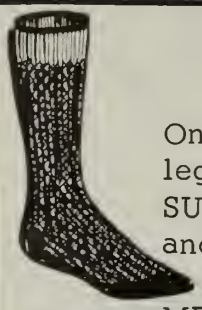

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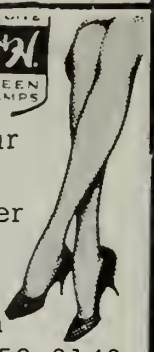

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Mrs. John MacNeil of Marion who is in charge of the exhibit writes: "This is a show for all the people of this region - the professional, the Sunday artist, students, and anyone of any age. There are many potentially fine artists who have not yet arrived at the point of recognition. We hope to bring them to public attention, to encourage these young people, who, although they are not yet good enough for their own show, are good." She still has room for more entries and urges those wishing to enter to call or write Marion Art Center for full information.

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150 Years Ago — The War of 1812

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But seaweed and logs and children could not give permanent protection to the town and its maritime industries. And as the spring wore on, the Nimrod was re-enforced by the Superb, an English 74, one of the large ships of the line of the British navy. Together they organized an attack on the swarming harbor of New Bedford, and, as they said, "to clean out that damned little hornet's nest in Fairhaven". For in Fairhaven two fast privateers were abuilding on the stocks. The New Bedford Mercury of June 17, 1814, tells the story:

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tance of the fort. Alarm guns were immediately fired from the fort, and the citizens made some preparations to receive them. Whether these measures deterred them from their object, we know not; they however, proceeded eastward, and it was expected they would land at Mattapoisett harbor.... A party of militia from this town marched thither to the assistance of the inhabitants....."

So the Mattapoisett waterfront swarmed with armed men. Women and children hurriedly carried possessions out of their houses into waiting wagons, to head up-country. The guards on the Necks signalled the course of the barges, followed by the ships, up the Bay. They came in sight beyond the Neck, the large lateen sails of the barges glistening in the sunlight. The Nimrod anchored in plain sight. Were the barges turning in? No, thank Heaven, they kept going. Where were they headed? Sippican? Wareham? Wareham--there may have been Mattapoisett vessels in Wareham; for so safe was Wareham considered that merchants of other towns had

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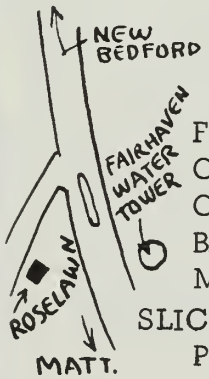

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sent their ships there.

Riders galloped off over the dusty roads to give warning; the men, women, and children stood in nervous groups along the waterfront. Then, about noon, the answer came--great mounds of smoke flooding up into the sky to the east. Six barges carrying 220 British marines had landed at Wareham and burned twelve vessels and the cotton factory. Would Mattapoisett be next? Some days later the Nimrod hove in sight again, passed slowly up the Bay, and again smoke billowed up in the eastern sky. The Brig had anchored off Bird Island, sent barges up the Weweantit River, and burned the shipyards and vessels along the shores.

Then it was, in the early summer that feverish preparations were made in Mattapoisett for defense--artillery mounted along the waterfront, militia on duty day and night, guards patrolling the Necks, signal flags kept in readiness. And all through the summer, nights were times of terror in Mattapoisett, as the British barges and armed sloops, each carrying 20 or 30 marines, swooped into the harbor trying to capture vessels and set fire to shipyards.

(Next week: The main British Attack.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT, MASS
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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, held June 14, 1965

Article 3. Article 3 as amended by motion duly made and seconded was adopted by a unanimous vote in the following form:

"A motion to reconsider any action taken at an Annual or Special Town Meeting during the same meeting shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Meeting; provided, however, that the Moderator may in his discretion permit reconsideration by a majority vote if the purpose of such reconsideration is limited to the correction of a technical or legal defect in a vote which has been adopted at such a Meeting."

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The twins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Morris of Crystal Spring Road, Mattapoisett, had five years of membership and held the offices of secretary and treasurer of the Mattapoisett Junior Grange. As members of Fairhaven Grange, they held offices of assistant steward, steward, overseer and, during his post-graduate year at Old Rochester Regional High School, Paul served as master of Fairhaven Grange.

Peter is to enter his junior year at Emerson College, and Paul, his sophomore year at Fitchburg State College in the Fall. Peter is preparing for a career in radio and television engineering and production, and Paul is planning to be an instructor in industrial arts.

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At Raynor Gifford field in Rochester the Rochester Royals continued in their winning ways shutting out the Mattapoisett Greens 8 to 0 behind Dale Fatula's 2-hit pitching. The Greens, absorbing their 5th straight loss, weren't in the ball game.

Thursday games. At Marion the Marion Eagles defeated the Marion Cubs 6 to 1. Vinnie Hayes pitched sharp baseball for the win while teammate Peter DeWalt homered to help the cause.

At Mattapoisett, the Mattapoisett Reds dropped a game to the Rochester Royals 12 to 7. Paul Gingras, the Rochester starter, gave way to Kevin Knight in the 4th when troubles loomed.

At Rochester the Mattapoisett Greens won their first game of the second round at the expense of the Mattapoisett Blues. Wayne Sylvia took the win 4 to 3.

Standings as follows:	W	L
Rochester Royals	4	0
Marion Eagles	4	1
Marion Cubs	3	3
Mattapoisett Reds	2	3
Mattapoisett Blues	2	4
Mattapoisett Greens	1	5

FARM TEAM RESULTS

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	High		Low	
July	AM	PM	AM	PM
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23	3:42	4:17	8:57	10:01
24	4:42	5:13	10:00	11:08
25	5:40	6:09	11:04	-----
26	6:36	7:03	0:12	12:07
27	7:29	7:56	1:09	1:07
28	8:22	8:48	2:03	2:05

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Mr. Jason:

I have been following with much interest for several weeks now, the editorials in your local publication.

Yours is an independently owned periodical. I concede that you have every right to print your opinions. I question, however, your ethics in the most recent editorials. The previously enjoyable newsy and folksy "Presto Press" seems to have become a propaganda machine against the recently proposed zoning code. Is there no "equal space allotted" for articles in favor of said code, or have there been none written?

Your quote in the June 17,1965 issue of the Presto Press states, "Our system of town government depends upon people who can hold honest, opposing opinions which they can express publicly." This is as it should be. But how can anyone, opposed to your opinions, express them to every post office and rural route boxholder in Mattapoisett in the June 10, 1965 issue of the Presto Press, directly preceding the Special Town Meeting? I think your article of that date influenced many people. Your timing was such as to prohibit articles repudiating some of your misconstrued facts. A small retaliatory article appeared in the Standard Times on June 12, 1965. However, many more people do read the Presto Press, I think, then a Saturday night issue of the Standard Times.

Attending the Special Town Meeting with an open mind as I did, it soon became evident to me that the majority of the people present had been stirred into such an emotional state that cool-headed, logical discussion was impossible. How could one listen to the pros and cons of this article and intelligently decide their vote with such overwhelming unenlightened reasoning against said article and its sponsors? Your article (June 10, 1965) and the signs warning to vote "no" on article 8, preserve your freedom (in essence the exact quote escapes me) further clouded the issue. Also, how can one laud the Planning Board for their efforts on the one hand and attack a member or members on the other (as you did in your June 10th article and as Mr. Dunn did in his resolution to form a study committee to report to the Selectmen, most pointedly omitting any Planning Board assistance)?

The article "Missed Opportunity" that appeared in the Standard Times seemed to be a well researched and written piece of literature. I do not see how it could insult or offend any Mattapoisett citizen. I cannot, in good conscience, defend its contents point by point for I lack the experience and comprehensive study of zoning that the author obviously had in his background.

I was most happy to read that the proposed committee to study zoning is now going to work with the Planning Board (their resignation now rescinded). How unfortunate it would have been to overlook the knowledge of eighteen months of study done by these most dedicated men. I sincerely hope the dedication of this committee matches that of our Planning Board and that their combined report will meet with the approval of our townspeople.

Since the bulk of this letter was written we received the July 1st issue of your paper. Your refusal to honor Mr. Burr's request, is of course, your privilege. Am I being presumptuous in suggesting then that editorials and other material concerning town matters be published enough in advance to allow answers on such matters?

It has been shown in the past weeks the power of the pen even in a small tabloid such as your Presto Press.

Through this influence, it is most sincerely hoped that you will guide your readers into forming their own opinions of town matters by having affirmative and negative facts and veiws presented to them. In your position you have the opportunity to be of the greatest service to your town and its people.

With this influence or power comes a grave responsibility. I pray you use it well.

Very truly yours,
Muriel C. Walker

EDITOR'S NOTE.. To the 300 summer families who have joined our readers since July 1st. This letter refers to a proposed Zoning Law which was presented at a special Town Meeting on June 14th. It was tabled by a vote of 336 to 135. The attendance at the session was a record 561 registered voters. It was voted to form an independent committee to review the zoning plan and make recommendations to the Selectmen. This committee is now meeting regularly.

In response to this letter and to the implications contained in the letter from Mr. Burr, we feel that we should publish the details of the request of the chairman of the Planning Board for space in the June 10th issue and his subsequent failure to produce the article to fill that space.

On Saturday, June 5th, 1965, at 5 P.M., Mr. Carleton Burr, chairman of the Mattapoisett Planning Board, appeared at the Presto office. He requested that we publish an article favoring the Zoning Law which was to come up at the Special Town Meeting on June 14th. I immediately agreed to publish his article. At the same time,I informed Mr. Burr that I would comment editorially in opposition to the zoning plan because of my own convictions. The next issue was to be June 10th and the deadline for that issue was Monday, June 7th. Over that weekend we added two pages to the Presto to accomodate both articles.

On Monday, June 7th, about a half hour before the deadline, I talked to Mr. Burr by phone. I asked, "Is your article ready?" He replied, "no".

Every opportunity was given to the sponsors of the zoning plan to present their case in the June 10th issue - even to the reminder. That the sponsors chose not to use that space that we had reserved was their decision.

Elected public officials tread dangerous ground in proposing that any newspaper submit copy to a government board before publication. This is censorship. It would be a violation of Constitutional rights. No newspaper would submit to such a proposal.

The pen doesn't have the power. People are not robots who obey what's written. They are reasoning individuals, who are quite capable of agreeing or disagreeing with the ideas they read. They form their own opinion. This is what happened to the zoning proposal. There is no influence greater than the facts. We have great confidence in the ability of the people of Mattapoisett to recognize the facts and act intelligently.

We now have a committee of Mattapoisett people looking into every phase of the zoning proposal. It is an excellent representative group. There is every reason to believe that such a study will prove of great benefit to making a fair law based on the needs of the town and that the errors of the original zoning proposal can be eliminated.

Those who doubt the wisdom of an informed Mattapoisett public are premature. They might even be wrong.

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The members of the Special Committee on Zoning will welcome comments and suggestions from Town residents.

Since the Committee is just starting and there is a considerable amount of organizational work to do, it is preferred that comments or suggestions be in letter form for the present. These may be addressed to any one of the committee members.

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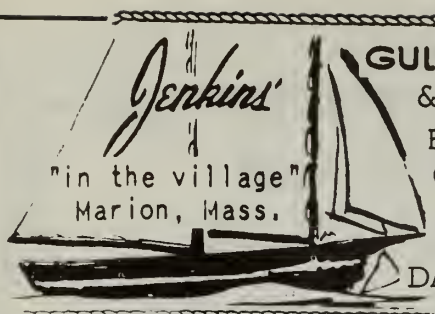

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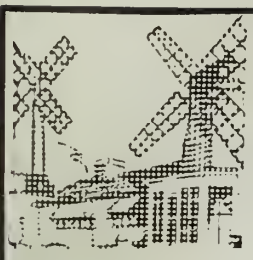

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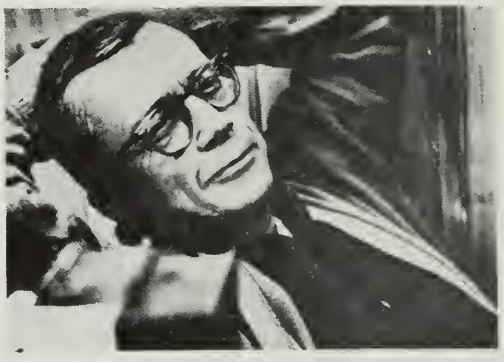

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